



# Public Safety Subcommittee

## January 27, 2021

# Model for Response to Mental Illness and Homelessness

- We are continuing to work toward our city-wide goal of transforming our response to those experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Steps to accomplishing this goal:
  - Meeting with community mental health stakeholders
  - Working to establish agreement with White Bird Clinic (CAHOOTS)
  - Seeking support through Police-Mental Health Collaboration program
  - Seeking community feedback on the needs
  - Identified two local non-profit organizations with the capacity and trained staff members to participate in our program

# Model for Response to Mental Illness and Homelessness

- Key partners in development of response team:
  - Buckelew Programs (Mental Health)
  - Catholic Charities (Homeless Outreach)
  - Santa Rosa Fire Department (Medical Response)

## Next Steps:

- Working to establish budget and seeking funding sources including available grants and private funding opportunities
- Developing training and identifying equipment needs for the team
- Protocol and policy development for dispatching calls for service
- Rolling the team out in phases as we build the capacity
- Community education and engagement
- Working with other partners across the county with the vision of seeing this team expand throughout the county

# Questions?

# School Resource Officer Update

- SRO Program in recent years -
  - One Sergeant
  - Five School Resource Officers
- Partnership with Santa Rosa City Schools
  - Educating staff and students on drug awareness, gangs, alcohol abuse, self-esteem, peer pressure, G.R.E.A.T.
- More informal partnership with Roseland School Districts and other Districts within Santa Rosa
- SRO's vital with responses to local emergencies such as the Glass Fire and COVID protocols as part of IMT
- No return to on campus education expected at this time.
  - COVID-19
  - No MOU

# School Resource Officer Update

## Current Status of SRO Program –

- Sergeant assigned to a Patrol team
  - Continues to liaison with local school districts
- Three officers reassigned to patrol to assist with staffing shortages
  - Calls for service from schools handled by beat officers
  - Two officer positions currently frozen due to a shortfall in Measure O revenue
- Ongoing conversations with the Santa Rosa City School District and Roseland School District on how we partner in the future
  - Based on Department staffing priorities
  - MOU is needed
    - Strengthen learning environment for students
    - Support and transform safety on campus

# Police Auditor

- Police Auditor contracted from 2014-2018
- Scope:
  - Included on-going audits of department policies, practices and records
  - Access to Body Worn Camera footage and reports
  - Had ability to conduct investigations,
  - Address allegations of employee misconduct and use of force;
  - Review Department investigations and disposition of such matters
  - Respond to and assist with complainants
  - Apprised of critical incidents.
  - Regularly meet with stakeholders in the community
  - Submit reports to the City Manager and City Council

# Questions?